

JACK WALSH, MANAGER



1940



The MAYFLOWER

AKRON, OHIO

Monday Night

Darling:

Good news!

Margaret \$1200

Price 500

Had splendid visit with Margaret. She volunteered to increase her gift to \$100 per month. Have extra \$50 for my address. Have sent her January payment plus the \$50 to Farrar & Rindhart.

Here is \$250 and letter from Mrs. Price.

If Sid's check has not arrived, better rigmarole of Barbara.

In CORNING, N. Y. it's  
• The BARON STEUBEN

In CLEVELAND it's  
• The HOLLENDEN

In COLUMBUS it's  
• The NEIL HOUSE

In AKRON it's  
• The MAYFLOWER

In JAMESTOWN, N. Y. it's  
• The JAMESTOWN and • The SAMUELS

Had good sleep this afternoon.  
Must take care of my health.

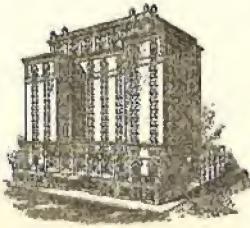
Feeling O.K.

Devotedly yours

Kirby

Home about  
100 & feet above  
the river

Friday afternoon -  
5/21/1940



## HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Kirby Ed Alma:-

Wee we is all here and still  
in the ring - Mighty good family  
for the shape we are in Hey-Hey -  
Marie doing nicely, of course getting  
tired of staying up stairs - Maybe so  
about Sunday she can go downstairs  
and up to house & eat -

She is to go down to see the  
doctor Tues or his office.

Georgea stee over here and taking  
care of Lee, Margaret & things up here -  
Wall & Kay worked yesterday afternoon  
at Fullerton on barbecue pit, each  
getting ready to feed about 200 of em  
tonight - Some Big Concern giving it  
for their employees - They will pick

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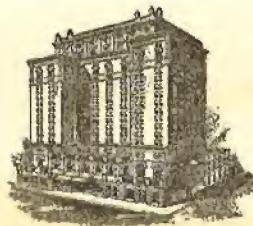
themselves up a nice piece of  
Money for their work - They are there  
now & will serve em tonight.

Every one working away and things  
in pretty good shape all around.

Mr. G. Roemer done so much  
outside lately, except the little  
necessary things - Taking care of the  
back fence, pots & flowers, shrubs - etc  
the Poinsettias, grapes & berries -  
Hed some & scythed some on the  
limes, Wall helped me with 1 Tine  
long finished the Terraces <sup>9</sup> He  
has been putting most of his time  
on the Avacados - Cen and I worked  
on the lime tree couple of hrs yesterday  
afternoon - Wall done three today <sup>am</sup>.

Don't know what will hit me  
next - Stone Bruise, or something  
on heel today - Had to get out of  
my Boots at noon - Slippes now - So

1940



## HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

this afternoon - posted Cash Book  
up to date - up to today -

So when Tax papers arrive we  
have figures all ready & send  
right on to you.

Mother fairly done, and no one  
knows just how much work  
she has done in last few mo-  
Garden sweet and do we have  
vegetables - you will be just right  
for other Tomatoes - Beans and Cucumbers -  
Have had Turnips - Carrots - Beets - Cabbage -  
Pot - Onions - Berries and so on -  
First ripe tomatoes yesterday - Lot of  
jellys & jams - Picked 360 apricots from  
this one tree Wed & took down to her -  
was it a big basket - the big feed basket  
Packed 2 Boxes Boysen & Black Berries

Here today - Grapes coming OK -  
7 or 8 Orange trees were loaded  
with little ones -

Have had some very beautiful  
Glads - Cannas are pretty too -  
Some 6 feet high - Roses OK -

Put myself on Diet Tues & wed -  
Helps I guess - But a fellow  
gets kinda weak and don't feel  
anyhow - Afraid to weigh  
anymore - Anyway don't keep any  
ice orders moving - Handling  
Mail etc and trying to do all  
I think should be done.

But wife I be glad to see you <sup>two</sup>.  
Haven't been anywhere now in 50  
long, believe I would get lost -  
Hope you both are well now and OK -  
Write when you can, love, Penny -

Dear Kirby,

1940

Sold,	2 copies Living Prayerfully	\$ 3.20
1/ 3 " Religious Resources		3.00
		<hr/>
		6.20

Shipping Charges	.72
Balance	<hr/> \$ 5.48

20 books shipped to Lexington  
4 boxes \$ .50 each.

We are very grateful      Charles Walker

1940  
Thurs Nov.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby:-

How are today and how, Mother  
still feeling pretty good and  
doing lots of work.

Every one still as it was,  
getting things done too.

How about these checks Lee  
we are holding? Let me know.

Still got few orders for 50  
or 100 - all keep 5.

Only books returned so far  
were the 700 from Modesto. They  
had some already and so kept 100.

Looks like things are steady but  
slow across the pond. By By Hitler.

No Census taken here yet.  
Hope your good luck will continue.

Love, Penny.



Dear Mom:

Just a note to let you know I am all right.  
Also as you might know I  
haven't money to make me write.  
I had to get two new tires.  
so I need \$25, can you send it.  
if not I can get along all right.  
This is doing fine but I still  
don't know what the score is.

P.S. I'll try to write more.

Love

Kay.

Thurs Night<sup>9/40</sup>

Dear Friends:-

Believe it or not, no rain yesterday or today - And Does that make us feel good. Main even mowed part of lawn <sup>today</sup>.

Worked at Mothers this afternoon clearing chicken yard - oh My! when. She has certainly had a hard time of it during all those weeks of rain. and no potatoes planted yet, lucky if we can get them out next week.

And is there some hoeing to do here - No dull moments for some weeks.

Iris has been out once since you left - And then for just about an hour.

Margaret learning to read pretty good now, and putting on a little weight.

Maine been under the weather last few days - Too much rain, and worrying over it.

Had to have new Battery and new generator for Siggie today - charged it - Can't be helped. about  $16^{\circ}$  = How you like that Bisc for 53¢ for handling 1 ton of Books. Took us 6 trips for the first ton. Write us all the news, alma = Earth worms are over the place = Love, Penny.

1940

sets	261
singles	112
Orders canceled	2
K.P. already delivered	5
<u>orders to date</u>	<u>380</u>

a few of the sets <sup>are</sup> of  
10 and 15 books instead  
of 5 -

about 250 singles came  
out first - then 80 to  
you first time and 56  
this last time. How they  
go - How we doing.  
sent spotsy 5 today - closed now -

Monday Night 1940  
at 11<sup>14</sup>

Dear Kirby:-

Greetings and Salutations! -

We just came up from Bellwood soon  
and are we tired - However feeling  
good - just finished all orders.  
And rain last & house has  
just poured down - Won't do anyone  
any good either - And still raining -

Now - we don't have an order  
on hand that hasn't been filled -  
We have & goods to go down  
in morning. Orders today for 16  
sets and 1 single - 81 Books -

Now how is this for a surprise,  
We have on hand exactly 244 Books  
and that's all. Use your own  
judgment when to send more but  
looks like we need em soon -

of course in 30 days we begin  
to get some returns -  
Glad you had a day off -

Spent 3<sup>75</sup> at P.O. today and  
2<sup>18</sup> Express - Letters to you -

Wise took 14<sup>40</sup> more in the  
morning - Then postage every day  
for orders as they go out -

After the 14<sup>40</sup> in morning Wise  
brought about 5<sup>00</sup> left from the  
last 35<sup>00</sup> = Does she go.

Brought 55 sets of 5 - 1 set of 10  
and 3 singles to buy stamps for <sup>in</sup> morning -

And please send me exact number  
of Books H & R sent us on the  
2 first Bundles - I misplaced the  
amount somewhere - This last bunch  
was 1135 Books - the other two - One  
was little over 500 and other one a  
little under - Want exact figures please  
you have the invoices - Tell you how  
the rain treats us soon as its up P.S.

Tuesday Night 1940  
805

Dear Ruby & Almost -

Took Marie down to see the Doctor at his office this afternoon. She is doing fine and he is very pleased with her progress. Next week she can go to Bear Mountain - He favors the mountains. That is fine as Marie Peay in fact has offered my Honey the use of their place at Wrightwood for a week or two - so I am about next Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Marie, Margaret and George will go up for one week - Be back Monday before you folks get in Sat - or Saturday - Hey - me, I'm still hanging on - Haven't been so well the past few weeks - very getting run down & so on - just need a good rest - nice in the hills

Got the sad news from the Doc today.

Surgery 150<sup>00</sup> 3 extra items 11<sup>00</sup> total 161<sup>00</sup>  
oh Boy - Can't we go - fun - gone.  
him another 25<sup>00</sup> today.

Warr & Kay enjoying their guy gone  
every few days - Iris went into LA  
yesterday & brought some young fellow back  
with her - stayed all night - Warr also  
brought some friend of his in over day  
and he stayed all night - one of them  
- b - gone to Hollywood tonight for show -  
They will be here again tonight and  
then they will take their back to LA  
tomorrow

Warr been working on lines last  
couple days - Kay on board -

Plenty of berries here at home for pie  
Peaches - peach now ripe -  
should be home just ripe for the

4 trees south of Ober and are the  
rest of them too. 4 trees are well loaded  
and one north of Ober too.  
And then there will be Green Corn  
Beans, Tomatoes, Green Peppers, Cabbage,  
Carrots, Onions and Potatoes.  
Avacados from trees here also.

Seed 6 dog limes to Bonnie for St.  
Charles Drive @ 20¢ per - 3 dozen to  
George Victor there @ 15¢ - and will keep  
them supplied from now on @ 15¢ dozen.  
Trees I fertilized are looking better -  
have fertilizer all lined up I think -  
reasonable - too - twice a year - will  
tell you all about that when you get home.

The 600 Books you ordered today will go  
out in morning - Rose has the 25<sup>00</sup>  
Homestead Money - Mother her 25<sup>00</sup> and  
I have stamp money - Had 1<sup>00</sup> left today.

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Stamp Money taken that come - of course  
 have lots of 30¢ stamps downstairs.

	4800 Books -	1440
Had 60 <sup>00</sup>	50 <sup>00</sup> - 10 <sup>00</sup>	100-30
then 25 <sup>00</sup>		30 00 07
Books 400	<u>Cost.</u>	226
		40
		180
		20
		30
	100-30	30 0 0
		50
		53
		20
		33
	Exp -	195
		27
		90
		46
		197
		17
	Exp? 154	60
		15
		88 00

Just an idea how the  
 stamp money goes -

Don't think I have eaten but  
 one meal up at house  
 with everyone in about a  
 week now - Balance of statements

With letters will go out this  
 week - And hush over that -

also more books to the Conferences -  
 Feeding my Honey lots of steaks-chops -  
 fresh & canned fruit eat - in buying  
 those extra things - Not out of gas-money,

Hope you both  
 are well &  
 OK - Food  
 on a little  
 longer, I am  
 here  
 , Pay.

"FOLLOW THE BEACON"

1940

RALEIGH'S NEWEST AND BEST  
FIRE PROOF

EVERY ROOM WITH BATH,  
RADIO AND ELECTRIC FAN



## Hotel Carolina Sav No<sup>m</sup>

ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Ruby!

Bought Mother 3 more of those chicken houses, for little fellows - just like the other one I got her - 30° for first <sup>one</sup>. These 3 I bought from Lee for 10° each - Kay & I just got back from delivering them to Lee.

Also bought ~~one~~ <sup>Everlast</sup> 4 large nice lemon trees 10° for 4 - from Bruce - Put 3 out at her place and one here - all ok - Everyone (out) plenty tired - home - Penn.

this is from the  
Spring catalog check  
what you want &  
send back,

M.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

- over -

Wed Night <sup>1940</sup>  
8:10

Dear Kirby! -

Hope all goes well with you  
~~two~~ - No letter since Friday I  
believe.

Mother was sick in bed Sun  
and Monday, and not feeling so  
good since - Some better today.

I walked there  $\frac{1}{2}$  day Monday  
and today from 10 till 4.

Marie went to shower at  
Cheverlons - S. S. Class.

Last night we went to see  
a soft Ball game - kids teams  
and they sure play base ball.

Stirring things right along - Start to  
prune trees Mon. if no rain.

Everything growing fine - The Sapota tree  
is getting new green shoots. Love, Pug.  
Tell us the news.

Thurs Morn -

Your letter from Pullman  
mailed in Spokane came.

This Am - Thank S -

All well and every thing  
are OK -

Mother better today.  
Hov now - putting plenty of  
water on every thing.

Black eyed peas for dinner <sup>Hey</sup>  
Hope the good luck wine <sup>Hey</sup>  
keeps up for entire trip.  
Write when you can

Love. Penny

Sav am 1940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby :-

Regarding the avocados, Reddy never did show up, or hear from him.

Kay wanted to go over to Armstrongs today and get some Ryans, nearly same as to -

I told him we better make sure from you - so if OK, we will go over next Sat and get the 24 we need.

Get us a letter here by Fri Evening so we will know we are OK - Mac later,

Love, Dung.

# NEW AMERICAN HOTEL

26 BROADWAY  
MAUCH CHUNK, PA.

Dear Anna:

We are more rainy  
hot weather here. You better  
be glad you aren't here. We  
have been visiting our suits.  
Everything doing fine haven't had  
time to do much else besides water  
in the bath house and I haven't  
had any time to sew yet. But  
I guess I will soon get  
caught up and have a little  
more time.

What are the little things  
in the middle center in little  
pots (yellow etc)? They are sure  
coming up. Also a purple lily is

is blooming in the center also,  
not fully opened.

Grandma has few blooms on  
one of her grapevines. The peaches  
are setting on down there too.

Glad you are having a  
wonderful time just take  
things easy and I think you  
will feel the best ever.

Write us soon. We do  
miss you. We used to like  
hearing you, but not you.

Love of love  
Marie.

Wed Noons 1940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Ruby:-

Glad see goes well with  
you two.

Marie had S.S. close our  
last night - 25 of them.

all under control line and  
everything all O.K.

all of us feeling some better  
all come out in the wash yet.

Bank at Ho. sent Mother the  
5<sup>00</sup> check back - I wrote them  
and explained she was my Mother  
and not to send anymore as  
we would merely return them.

She agreed this was the best  
thing to do.

Still catching gophers - Hope we  
get 1 more rain now in couple wks.  
Love, Penny.

Wed Night, 1940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby! - your good letter came this afternoon, also check for 70<sup>00</sup>.

Mother fairly well and still going, weather damp, cold and not so good since the rain.

Me, I'm all broke out with poison oak - On my neck the worst, and shiny - Marie has some, too.

Gon came back to Pomona last night - states walk again today.

Margaret has stye in other eye now - My - My - Don't we have fun.

Two of the Books from Modesto were returned - masked - Refused.

Kay & Iris just drove in - vacation sort of week I guess.

Deposit tomorrow will be 281.78 as per slip attached.

Good things are starting out so good, and that Alma is OK -

Lots of love, see ya.

Perry.

Sunday 9 Aug 940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Foeks:-

Thanks for Card - Had nice rain  
last night - Hunch.

your old friend Harold Brunner  
and wife were out yesterday. Showed  
them the place, They met every one  
here - Were sorry to have missed  
you - said they would <sup>see</sup> you  
at times in May - we gone  
them a How to K a o o war ~~end~~  
one of the R.R.

Art & Devota were over for  
lunch yesterday.

All well and OK -

Lore, Penny

we will make a small  
deposit Monday about \$50.00 maybe  
more after the mail comes in. Let  
you know.

Some more  
news from Margaret.

Wed morning.

1940

Darling,

So get our babies out of hock today and bring them home. I haven't seen Judy's eyes yet. Hope to some day. Mary is feeling fine and ready to come on home. Indeed, anxious to come. Says they don't cook the vegetables right (ever heard that before?). and she wants more orange juice and more milk. She also says she is going to watch her "figger" and not get fat. Quite a job, but it can be done

Honest, I haven't had time to do anything. Am sure glad she will get home. I have spent most of my time going places. Did take off Saturday to go to Allens church. Saw Sherwood briefly before meeting. He is terribly busy writing a book on the "Hist. of Christianity in America". Much too busy to come out here.

or see many or any of us. He will see you  
in N.Y. Saw Kevin briefly.

About 10 people have returned cards  
and most after the 27th. Tipold  
will be in east. Jerry doesn't know where  
he will be.

Must rush to get ready now,  
Hope and hope long  
always yours  
Dena.

Saturday noon

1940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Darling:

It rained yesterday and last night, and that helped a lot. You may as well sit tight and hold your horses. Emmett says it may be a couple of weeks before you are a grandfather. Just keep your shirt on.

I'll write S Herwood and try to get him to come out and look us over. We will go get him. Will tell him your dates in h-4.

Kay has carried the trees around. Perry can plant when it is dry enough.

Soon

always yours  
Alma.

Friday Noon -

The  
California  
Limited



Dear Kirby; - your letters  
always enjoyed - Thanks.

Cloudy and cool today -

For a change have been  
working this week -

Feeling lots better, get all  
choked up on the dust  
etc. But could be worse.

Expect to have the place  
all weeds by the time  
you get home - Here hoping.

So far lime trees looking  
fine - Watering em once a week.

Judy is some girl, Boy Wie  
you have a time with her.

Hope you continue to feel  
OK and look up well.

Everything since growing fine,  
including Weeds and how.

My Doctor bill this past  
month only 26<sup>00</sup> - wow -

Dentist will be next -  
Aint we got fun.

Everything & everyone are OK  
and under control.

Iris has now seen the baby  
yv - Write as often as you can.  
Love, P.L.

Friday Morning! -

# Hotel Morrison

CHICAGO

Dear Ruby! -

LEONARD HICKS  
Managing Director

all ok - Rained Wed night so we won't  
get to hoe anymore this week - Weather man  
says rain today & clear up tomorrow.

One letter from you so far - Tucson and  
one from Alma at Ft Worth - Orders for 12  
sets and 1 single yesterday - Mother feeling better.  
36 eggs yesterday down to 21 now -  
Hope you are both ok - when do Books get here?  
Love, P. L.

Monday Night  
8 PM

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby! -

All ok and everyone well, Except  
for the poison oak, Creek in neck,  
stuck a spike in my thumb and  
sprained my wrist - Hey-Hey.

We spent Sat night and Sunday  
in Pomona, left Lee & Sat night.

Kay and Iro took dinner with  
Mother yesterday, and today I worked  
there all day - Marie & Margaret  
came down at 12 and we had  
Chilled dinner -

Tree alone she showed how soon  
all 3 of us in garden with  
hoes working away at same time.

Garden looking nice and things  
beginning to grow.

Tell us if we don't give you  
enough details on every thing -  
Hope all well. Write us when  
you can. Love, Penny.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday Morn <sup>1940</sup>  
7. Aug

Dear Kirby:-

Everyone are right, but last two days just to hot.

Friday was 98 in L.A. and yesterday 96 - Hotter in 50 yrs. on that date in April.

Deatton lost 3 does Friday - Worked at Mothers some yesterday morning until noon -

Kay & Iris came in Fri eve late - we had chicken supper for them and then they pulled out for the mountains with Kay & V - Be back tonight I guess.

We are going by Mothers soon now for visit Then on to Pomona for the day. Phoned my Water dates for the year in yesterday. Love, Penny.

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## Hotel Carolina

ROBERT I. LEE, MANAGER

Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Alice & Kirby:

Everything is going along smoothly. Perry is not here but looks like rain although weather man says no.

Chato has gotten one stink since you left, this time in on it. Then he slept on our Porch outside open window all night. I went over him down but was more yet back in bed and he was up again. I got a collar and keeps him tied most of the time.

Mary thought (me w.) had a cold. Very bad about 2 weeks ago. Since is out.

Building across the hill from  
is next to the great big house  
in that clearing. Looks like a  
good sized house from here.

We all write as soon.  
we think of you often and I  
always remember you loads of love  
in my prayers.

Was stayed over  
at F.A. this week end.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sat - Noon -  
27 <sup>1940</sup>

Dear Folks:-

Kay, Marie, Margaret and I just got back from Whittier - Been over looking at the Haas Avocado trees - Man has 800 of the best looking trees I have ever seen - Fruit is fine - Green, about 8 oz. lots of oil content - little fibre. He got 10 and 15¢ a pound last year - He has 2000 Lychee trees - got only 3½ pounds for them.

You have to sign up that no one uses or gets buds from the trees - They have patent on them -

Here the Catch - Duck - for 2.5 we need they are 3<sup>50</sup> each.

In the long run I think they are worth it - Only thing is can you spend the 87<sup>50</sup> now. Armstrongs are around 1<sup>75</sup> to 2<sup>00</sup> for 2-3 ft size - These are 3 to 4 ft

Ray likes them very much. Too muddy to plant this week anyway - Am to eat him know Fri - another good rain yesterday. Love, P. L.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

1940

Darling =

Everything about the same here.  
Weather couldn't be nicer. Will  
probably begin to set up when  
you get here. as usual. Perry  
is under the weather some.  
Margaret is in school again.  
K & Iris get out this weekend.

Hope you have sent some  
additional cash as some bills  
past due are crying out and I  
am down to bedrock.

It doesn't seem much like  
christmas as it is too much like  
summer or fall. Maybe we can  
get into the mood more when you  
get home.

So let me have more dates,  
between the 10<sup>th</sup> and home.  
Heaps and heaps long

Everymaway  
alma.

# JUST REMEMBER



PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND  
1803 WALNUT ST., RITTENHOUSE SQUARE, PHILA., PA.

1940

Kirby!  
Material from

A. B. Wright,

The Will of God and  
Man's Lifework

Schroeder in Public  
Worship recommends  
Sperry - "Reality in  
Worship" - I shall  
read through for  
material & shoot it  
out —

Hope the writing is  
coming along O.K.  
Boosting the book, but

● The intelligent financial program  
is LIFE INSURANCE—the safe financial program  
is with the PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' FUND.

1940

Dear Mammy and Pappy -

It's so much fun being  
lazy - I shouldn't tell you now,  
or you'll lose interest in your  
trip, but this really is more fun!  
& especially now that Mary and  
Walt are home.

Thank you so much  
for the \$5. Unless I find  
some silk jersey to make some  
beach slacks  $\gamma$ , I think I'll  
save it for school shoes this  
fall. Kay is giving me a  
lovely slip - when I find  
the one I want - and  
Mary and Marie each gave me  
a dollar I spent on a new  
white purse.

I'm so anxious for the  
folks to get here - it hardly

was out, and really felt that we probably would be in it by August or September, but now I think it may at least be postponed far awhile, which gives us time to work, at least. It's looking less and less sensible to go in at this late date. I hope I'm right. This silly "fifth column" hysteria has reached ridiculous proportions out here. That's one thing that does frighten me. And also the fact that so many nice people I know are haunting munition factories looking for a job to save their own skins while blasting 10 others. "If I don't

seems possible that its only 2½ weeks now. I hated not being able to go to the migrant camp but I realize now that it would have rushed things terribly.

I'm working on a campaign for a Congressman over in L.A. His square on the war issue & all the social issues so I think it's worth the trouble, even though it's about the most tedious thing I've ever done - very similar to cutting <sup>out</sup> ~~up~~ every name in the L.A. telephone directory & then pasting them in another book. Fun!

I was awfully dis-  
couraged at the time school

"Someone else will."

Well, this is getting morbid - Alma I got some lovely grey material for sheets & yards. I think we have enough for a dress, too.

OK! Thank you for the lovely blanket! We have it on our bed now, and do I like it! The couch cover is a beauty too..

I cleaned out the kitchen cupboards but am afraid we won't have room for your pottery till they eat some jam, etc., alma. But I think that can be arranged.

We've been having berry pie galore! Yum yum - Longstra



Sav Morning  
1940

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Kirby! -

Say whatsmalls feels we no  
Catchesum letter.

Have seen letters come  
here to everyone else, and  
we seem to be on the  
missing list.

Glad to hear you are all  
OK and that everything is  
heading up fine.

Mother so enjoys your letters.  
Did you receive our letter  
at Rochester - Big far one.  
We have had one from you.

-2.

This is one number three.  
Weather fine and plenty  
of rain so far -.

I think you will be pleased  
with the way place looks,  
and also Mothers - Hey - Hey  
wait till you see em.

Mother and I got 4  
rows potatoes planted.

Just a little early yet,  
however getting the ground  
all ready. Work about 2  
days a week down there.

Kay and Iris have the  
bridge Club tonight.

-3-

We have 5 peach trees  
coming Monday for Mothers  
Alma bought at least  
week.

We have 3 peach trees  
here on place that Loren  
shed the leaves yet.  
and have 2 that are  
blooming.

Lots of coquos, coos, etc.  
Guess we will shake them  
some day.

Everything well in hand,  
Take care of yourself.

Love, Perry.

Dear Kirby; big kiss from  
margaret

went to armstrongs  
last week and got a lot of  
things to put out, will be  
here Monday so we will have  
lots to do.

~~also~~<sup>+?</sup> went over to Dr.  
Burrissides yesterday he has  
put her on a diet. thinks it  
will help her a lot.

Perry has been doing a  
little better with his sleeping  
and not bothered with the  
asthma so much.

Won't be long before you will  
see more. love more.



1940

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Shirley:

Just add a note  
to Pennsylvania kind of week in  
the Pocono just now.  
Any way they can be glad  
I waited until the kids  
were home for vacation  
before I got sick.

Have the books been  
getting to your place on  
time? I have been trying

to keep them far enough  
already.

every thing running smooth  
and half way round again  
now that all the singles  
are finished.

Mary and send a big  
hug + kiss. Margaret

Take care of yourself back  
there in the cold.

With love  
Love Marie



Tuesday Night  
1940

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Kirby:-

your good letter came yesterday, Thanks. Glad you are all OK, and hope things continue good with you.

Maine has been in bed last couple days - flu - feeling better tonight and hope she will be up <sup>tomorrow</sup>

my asthma has been better last few nights, and hope to get the best of it yet.

See the new OK - minor colds - think Anna is feeling

- 2 -

better than days. Trip should do her lots of good.

Wee Hush rabbits are all gone - sold one fccom in whitelaw 6 - 12<sup>50</sup>

and Deacon took all the rest - finney got em all moved yesterday - 37<sup>50</sup> Coming from him -

Store room is all down and rabbit houses nearly all down - Ray building large store-room, oh Boy -

You won't know the place, Hey - Hey. Lots of rain lately.

Bur Laramie washed a big  
so far this year.

Last week we picked up  
Mother and drove around  
and found her a real  
rooster - and I mean a  
real one -  $2^{50}$  and fine  
stock too. at Buena Park.  
Alma bought him, and few  
days later Alma drove me  
back over, and I bought  
her a setting of fine red  
eggs. 15 for  $2^{00}$  So  
before long she will have  
some red reds. How they  
are fine as I have seen.

She is doing pretty good,  
and looks for your letters.

Got off 2000 Books to  
Methodists at Chicago today.

Orders for 50 each slice  
coming in good. some 100<sup>5</sup>

Kay is back up to 150 -  
we-fudgy if I weigh 135.

Guess some of these days  
Maine and I will have to  
take couple days off.

However been to Moni or  
anywhere since you left.

Hope all well, keep writing  
always glad to hear how  
things are. Lots of love & 3 pens.

• I have decided that  
a fresh board is about  
as simple as the one.

Be kind my! They had  
record week after car  
and bought a hat pad  
before Dogrib.

Roy

1940

Dear Pop.

We have a man  
and camp, 3 miles from school.  
We have been here a week and  
have about home, however  
I might have been a day  
ago the 13th. We have  
a man and camp.  
We got on grade last  
week. We got up a little  
rest the house in the city so I  
joined. In my woodwork  
I think most work is  
done. I hope

③

③ you do did not like  
me, had not had a good one. Do may I cover my  
job less, and he get a  
bad rating. No, might I get the "B" in machine shop.  
off your hands yet.

After semester I am

Taking a course in physics  
for beginners, a metal course,  
now machine shop, a theory  
course, a course in pattern  
making, for casting, and a  
a drawing course.

For the last few days  
have been trying to think  
up a sample project.

The semesters I now  
14 units, 8 lecture periods  
and 26 lab. periods making  
4.5-hour periods out of 5-8 hour  
days, some few.

Today I heard the  
most encouraging news yet.  
Dr. Densified said that  
out of all the graduates  
in the field, only one

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday afternoon  
X<sup>05</sup> 1940

Dear Libby:-

It gives me great pleasure to tell you the letters and statements are all gone - Myrtle was our 2 loaf dogs - about the end of Maine and I did the rest -

You have about 1600<sup>00</sup> coming from the statements we wanted. Last few weeks orders, we did not send them letter or anything. We sent out 200 of the main letters - and to those 200 were people who had 100 or more - the ones for 50 we sent one of the letters we already had on hand - hope this is OK with you - Have about 75<sup>00</sup> on hand in small checks for Books - Will see if anything

from you tomorrow morning, then  
make a deposit.

Mary, was, Ray & Iris are ar-  
rived again today - Maine, Marguerite  
and her mother just left for L.A.  
to get the key for the place up  
at Wrightwood - Maine, Marguerite and  
George will go up tomorrow  
for a week - Maine doing nicely -

Have been paying George 5<sup>00</sup> a week  
She works pretty good - Trees are  
growing fine - Ben and John were over  
Thursday eve - all played golf and  
they stayed for supper - Everything  
now - stacked yesterday. 4 trees of  
peaches now getting ripe - afraid they  
will be gone before you arrive.  
No, I'm just hanging on by my teeth,  
Waiting for 24 more days to go <sup>by</sup>  
Hope you both are OK - <sup>they</sup>  
Mother fairly weak - God, Perry,

THE OVERLAND ROUTE

1940

6:30 a.m.

Tuesday

another moral victory



Dear folks -

It won't be long now. I'm  
bitting you all even back  
from camp, and all I hope is that  
you don't try to take the last  
mile of curves as fast as I know  
you will the rest of it.

And Secondly, we did take  
care of Choto, but he just acquired  
those maggots without our assistance.  
Besides his ear was about to drop off  
from the fight with the chow so we  
spent all our leisure time worrying  
about it and not a little old skunk  
puncture

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

us to Wade's conference. The one who is going was out here to stay 1, 2 days last week.— a grand fellow.

You'd better come home quick so there's too many to play pounce. It's ruining my morale. Last night I may get 100 ~~lives~~ while I was still below the zero mark. Isn't fair.

Yours,

I am supposed to finish this, and I sure am glad you are coming home, if for no other reason than that I won't have to write any

you ought to see the party new slacks I made, and I'm making a dress now like it. Ice blue, both for less than \$1.90. I've been mending and fixing things up, too.

My folks will get here sometime this weekend but Claire won't be with them. He's going to the Delta Coop. My older brother was to go home last week for his grandfather's funeral, so that probably rules out any possible trip to N. C. to see the folks this summer. I wish we could all get together soon.

One, and possibly three of the bays over at the U C L A housing co op is going with

more letters. & I have  
things in pretty good shape  
around here, but there is  
still lot to do. I got  
my goods; & got on "A"  
and a "B" for wood work.

The rest were "E's"  
It has been pretty hot  
here the last few days,  
but I guess we don't mind  
it now. I am getting a  
good tan.

Now,

Kag

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940

Saturday -

Dear Marathoners -

I hope you realize by this time that a 3 months tour of the South would be about enough. I do hope you won't get too tired.

Things going well here. I've been doing a little sewing - not much. A couple shirts for Walt - Sunsuit for myself - and I cut out that blue & white rayon print mother - for another dress. If you want it still - it will fit you the way I'm making it. But I had to have something. I've been wearing your cotton dresses around the house. I've got to get busy and make some slacks. I also cut out a red jacket - out of that small piece of light blue rayon we've had.

so long.

Walt just in a Barbeque for  
a feed at Berea last night - and  
he brought home one chuck of meat -  
15 lbs - as nice and tender as you  
ever saw - boy are we eating it.  
must have had about 8 lbs for lunch.  
It certainly is good.

Walt's new suit sure looks  
swell on him - fairly dark green  
tweed - and an extra pair of slacks -  
plain green & lighter. Does he look  
handsome - my-my! made a  
nice green shirt to go with it.

Chots had to go to the Vet again.  
He had a bad bite on his paw - kept  
getting a bigger & deeper hole there -  
he has maggots - we get him tonight.  
poor thing. I wrote home -  
hope she comes soon. See put her  
to work crocheting. Well -  
so long for now - love - Mary & Walt.

Dear Alice 1940

My loss of weight  
comes from the  
thyroid tablets.  
I have a deficient  
thyroid. And  
three other ailments.  
My pills have  
an orange  
coating. Those  
I've took were white.  
Hope you & Kirby  
are enjoying  
your winter - Johnson

1940



# HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

Saturday -

Dear Folks -

Guess we're kinda neglected you here, haven't we? But we just haven't felt much like writing. We got home Fri. morning about 11:30. We started from Las Vegas at 4 AM! we figured we'd better get across the desert before it got too hot.

Bonneville Dam was swell - but

It's so hot - about scorching  
the rock on every side here  
make the place a furnace.  
Got there about 2:30 P.M.

Walt went swimming  
in Mead Lake - cooled off  
a bit - then we went  
thru the Dam - and then  
went on to Las Vegas for  
the night - we had the  
swelllest air conditioned  
cabin. It was sure worth  
the \$2.50

Got here - no cars  
around - Kay only welcoming  
committee. This was in  
L.A. till 6. Penny seeing  
main at hospital till about

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# HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

(2)

2 PM. Were we surprised.  
Since then we've been taking  
it decidedly easy. Going  
to the Beach tomorrow.  
We decided we had enough  
chests around here - so  
didn't order the set - only  
the bed, springs, & mattress -  
and a couple of pillows.  
Still in process of packing  
them. Finally got unpacked

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and straightened out in  
drawers. Cleaned Dad's  
room up yesterday - was  
it a mess! Papers & junk  
all over creation. Can't  
seem to find that darn  
fugji manuscript. Incidentally  
he wrote Walt & I at the  
time he sent it to you.  
Wanted you to be sure to  
hear what he had to say.

The guys got their croquet  
set up - and do they go  
at it. But in a 500 watt light.

I made me a sun suit  
out of the blue & white  
polka dot cotton - works O.K.  
but would look better in  
& softer material that would



# HOTEL TEXAS

## FORT WORTH

(3)

draft letters. I've got to  
make myself another dress  
before long.

Boy have we been  
eating! and don't taste  
good. Haven't been sick  
over it - just food and full.  
Both quantity + quality.

Thanks for the gift - it  
sure will come in handy.  
Ses says thanks too.

Went to see Emmett today.  
He sure is busy. After  
talking it over - guess it  
would be better for me to  
go the the Fullerton  
hospital rather than Santa  
Ana. It's closer - and Emmett  
may not be here to deliver  
anyway, in which case we'd  
want Dr Stein, who's in  
Fullerton - Emmett will be  
in Cleveland the 11<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>  
of October - so unless Jim  
goes and early or late -  
he won't be here. But that  
can't be helped. I hope  
he's here then tho. The  
hospital is going to cost  
about \$55. for 10 days.



# HOTEL TEXAS

FORT WORTH

④ Perry isn't feeling so good -  
but he won't let Walt  
do any of his work - we  
keep trying - the place  
looks swell - Walt  
clipped the hedge - makes it  
look a lot better.

The records here are  
full Dad - a few they  
didn't have - and were going  
to send. We'll have to get

4 new albums to hold  
them all - 2 big & 2 little  
ones.

The stack of pamphlets  
has gone down a lot since  
we got here. I hope it keeps  
going.

How are you doing?  
Setting up house?  
Hope so - take care -

Lots of love -  
Mary & Walter.

Hi. It's great to be  
home! Havin' a time -  
You should see my new  
outfit! Saw this little  
write-up & thought you'd  
be interested - MR.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 1940  
MORNING

Dear Kirby! -

Myrtle was just out with the latest letter and one to be mimeographed, then sent out.

Wee, I'm stumped - Looks like an impossibility with Marie in bed. I have checked all books returned made ~~notations~~ of no. and Name. Same - Which are ~~payments~~ for that have come in with new orders and see that stuff -

But, <sup>on Books</sup> ~~none~~ of this has been entered in <sup>7 am Club Book</sup> 2 Weeks or a little over - Consider possibly send those out until ~~they~~ they are all entered - We took a week to do that - No one but Marie knows this

how these cards and everything  
are indexed etc - In other  
words for us there will be  
little looking for a needle  
in haystack - Will do the  
best I can - Tell Myrtle  
I thought I couldnt be done  
now - She is going ahead with  
the min - letter.

Doing all I can with everything  
and working day & night.  
No more stalkers from Myrtle  
for books to go over since  
last week - We got over the  
10,000 she gave ~~as~~ <sup>About 18,000</sup> - ~~she has a good~~ when - Has 5000  
left to go - If & when - Has 5000  
boxed - And ready to go - Not  
much room to work there get them off  
will give as soon every night -

Sat Noon '40



HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Kirby! -

Went to fine, and are  
lands on deck - Marie doing  
all right, just a question  
now of seven or eight more  
and get her strength back -  
She sat up in chair about  
20 min - just got back in bed.  
Worked till 11<sup>th</sup> last night  
and have another 5000 ready -  
Order today for 1-100 and  
1-50 - Will have boxes for  
the last 5000 pamphlet -

phoned them in L.A. today  
to order 2 Boxes (50) =

The  
Would make up less than  
10 Boxes (250) would cost

I told them just to forget it  
so the last 500 we  
have to get off the bus  
way we can - will get  
Boxes or something to help  
Hope you are both well  
and OK - know you are buying  
water in when you buy

Love, Penny.



Coffee Shop



1980

## OCEAN PARK HOTEL

On Beautiful Ocean Avenue  
GORDON BAGGETT, Manager  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Saturday

dearling:

Resting today!

and did I need it!

Fins addressed yesterday,  
in Atlanta.

Will write longer  
letter tomorrow.

Heaps of love

Kirby



Written at manhattan  
Tuesday

darling:

It was a joy to get the good news. Wish that I could be on hand. Tell me lots & details.

Having a grand time here.

Saw Merlin for a moment as he passed through on way to funeral of wife of a cooperative worker.

Will stay here tomorrow - writing & studying. Then to

Kansas City on Thursday.

Topeka on Friday. % Leo Gesell,

Y.M.C.A.

St. Louis, Sat., Sun., Monday  
yo. Hotel Statler.

Chicago date has been  
changed ~~and~~ will ask Hotel  
Morrison to forward books,  
etc. will go direct to

Meadville, Penn.

Presume you copied  
itinerary sent by Red,  
with names + addresses  
of correspondents. If not,  
please tell me.

Steps of love

Kirby

31st

Kirby Dear, here it is  
the last day of Oct your letter  
came yesterday, quiet work  
I have not been to see the Baby yet  
but will - too much company so we  
they are coming along fine -  
yes if ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> ~~wanted~~ <sup>had</sup> a word are too ~~over~~ <sup>over</sup>  
after you left - was I glad - no  
much work since, & I started to  
quilting - mornings are not cold  
do not waste so many thoughts  
on me I am feeling good for  
one went to the Dr <sup>to see</sup> ~~not~~ my head <sup>it's</sup> ~~is~~  
it's all-right, it cost two dollars for oil  
I am looking forward to you

1940



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON



KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear Folks -

I meant to write you last night - but kinda didn't get around to it. We stopped at Tucumcari, N.M. last night - and were at Holbrook, Ariz. now. We go to Boulder Dam tomorrow night, and then up early and home. We've had nice cabins the last few nights - and we've cooked a couple of meals - but mostly it's too much work. We haven't driven

any later than 7:30 yet  
we had rain & clouds for  
2 days - but it got a  
little hot today at times,  
even tho its pretty high.

Fairly comfortable driving  
tho - nice and breezy.

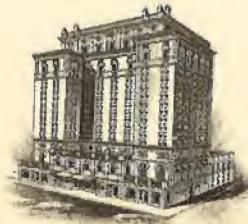
We stop at least every  
2 hours - usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  
for a drink at least.

We've both been feeling swell.  
We've both been feeling swell.

Be glad to get home tho.  
This is sure desolate  
country. We've been noticing  
the scenery much more ~~today~~  
this trip than before.

Partly because we've been  
in the front seat all  
the time - and I haven't

1945



HOTEL ANDREW JOHNSON



KNOXVILLE, TENN.

been asleep yet on the road -  
surprising for me.

We have to eat all our  
fruit up before the Calix  
order I guess. And those  
peaches we got aren't quite  
ripe.

Well - better fun is how -  
Be have yourself - and get  
some rest too. Wish you  
were coming home sooner.

Love - Mary & Walt.

Mon Sat 10<sup>30</sup> am

Going to hospital  
soon now - with Co-  
May take Maynard  
and go back Ponson  
and spend this eve  
and maybe Sunday  
Kley, Mrs and Dickie  
going to Beach tomorrow.  
May get to bring  
Maine home Mon Eve  
Tuesday anyway - We  
need more money if  
I can get it now. Hope -  
P.P.

Fri 3<sup>pm</sup>

Mary & War arrived little  
bit ago - all OK -  
Bring Maine home Mon or Tues  
Hope has been with us.  
Another 5000 Books off  
in morning - Love, Penny.

Start irrigating  
again Monday -  
all well in  
pond - all ok  
here -

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940

Dear Father,

Well it is all over. I've finished  
Friday & I'll be on Saturday. Tomorrow  
I've well go over and do some work  
for a future assembly man (We hope)  
and get our grades. So, I will  
let you know about them next  
time I write.

I saw Hammel and he says  
your dues for the Auto Club are  
due on the 1st of July so, send  
him \$12. also some insurance  
on the Dodge the bill for which  
I shall send on when it arrives  
as ever  
Kog.

Dearest folks -

I'm sorry and ashamed  
about not writing. Life seems  
so busy! And right now of  
course, with Marie in the  
Hospital and preparing for  
Mary and Walt to even more so.  
Will I be glad when they  
come?

I was planning on going to  
Fulare as counsellor in a migrant  
Camp for 3 weeks, but cancelled the  
plans I cause. It really will  
make the summer less hectic  
anyhow, tho I am sorry to miss it.  
I'm glad we'll all be together for  
awhile - feel like we're hovering on  
the brink of something. I only hope  
that somehow we do stay out. There's  
no way of telling. People want to,  
but are so inarticulate.

Love to you both and take care  
of yourselves -

Irene

1940

Come in the ~~heatin~~  
gav off the 1500  
for your ~~order~~ <sup>yearly</sup>  
250 to ~~you~~ -  
5-50 orders  
2-25  
2-12  
some singles

180 Wait for ~~them~~  
~~cat-cat-cat~~ paid  
and I'm broke now  
so can't show on my  
accounts -

Sorry if we haven't  
things just as you want  
with them - But have  
been doing all we can.  
will carry on -  
Love - Penny.

Have about  
11<sup>00</sup> cash left  
from the 60<sup>00</sup>  
stamp money -  
and 35-30¢  
stamps -  
will take around  
20<sup>00</sup> or 2.50<sup>00</sup> more  
for the bush that  
myrtle has - and  
then what others

3) I stayed over <sup>1940</sup>  
here ~~there~~ last  
weekend and  
wrote a paper.  
(Below it or not).  
and boy was I  
tired of studying my  
Sunday night.

I bought a  
camera in Santa  
Monica for \$35

4) to supplement the  
<sup>1940</sup> drawings which  
I will use in  
teaching.

I have been  
doing pretty good  
this semester  
so may be I will  
amount to something  
yet. I hope so  
as ever  
Heg.

Dear Pappy and Grammy <sup>1940</sup>  
How do you like  
the paper, it is  
all I could find.  
I am there  
studying for the  
night. and while  
I wait for Jim  
who is at some  
meeting I thought  
I would drop  
a few lines.

3) so now I am  
<sup>1940</sup> broke. However,  
I only had to  
borrow \$3 from  
Jim. so maybe  
now I can take  
some pictures and  
learn how to  
do some good work.

I intend to  
use it mainly

Marie

Sunday.

1940

My Dear Kirby & Alma  
every one up at the house is in  
pretty much of a stir - of course you know  
that Marie has to go to Hospital for appendicitis  
going late today - be off to see her tomorrow -  
she might had this all around this had  
planned to go off to some Migrant camp for  
money - Ray said she will probably have to  
stay home now. I'm afraid she will not.  
Davy thinks he can handle the mail etc.  
Ray came in to get blackberries for a cobbler  
just think of it - big juicy fellow -  
the boys are raising some too  
wish you could see how many, have made  
several little jars of jam - mixed with  
blackberries - they are making some now -  
will be some soon in a week. the little  
stuffed worms killed about half of it.  
Tomatoes high as my head - but not much

fruit. expect they will set or later  
your white, & yellow are blooming too  
Took them a long time to start growing -  
no one would eat the Chinese cabbage,  
except the Snails. it was raining & cold  
so I fed it to the chicks. other cabbage are  
heading. lots of beans cold so I worth &  
canned some set out the last flat of onion  
plants where the turnips had been  
& dug out one row of red potatoes. first  
a time made fine I planted a row of Ann  
Mary's corn yesterday in their place.  
Ora fixing to bloom, been too cold -  
foggy all of this month & cold in morning  
young chickens doing fine - but not so  
many eggs, all want to set. plenty of fyers  
& am keeping up fire here lately -  
so thankful & can work -  
love, & prayers. Mother

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940

Dear Folks:

Everything going O.K. Can't understand why you haven't received magazines as I have sent them every week and from five to seven days ahead. We haven't any more "Living Courageously" about 2<sup>4</sup> <sup>"must"</sup> ~~sold~~ we go to war!

Transplanted carnation plants into little pots yesterday - everything growing good.

We have had cash come in and I have used it for the newspaper for 2 mo. laundry machine \$6.05 needle shaft was bent. bears Robuck, 3.30 for oil filters. Little things like that that come up there will probably be enough cash come in now & then to

Take care of it.

Kittens all over everywhere 12  
of them that are out & playing are  
are cats.

Roses blooming heavily every  
pretty also the orchid trees.

We talk and think of you  
all the time and we are with  
you in our thoughts every day.

Loads of love  
Maries.

Monday 11 am 1940

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby and Alma! -

Wee Marie was operated on this morning about 8<sup>45</sup> = I talked to Dr as he was leaving Hospital at 9<sup>25</sup> = all OK - no more appendix - and also straightened out her uterus, I believe that is the proper name - 2 operations in one moved over from her side and made one incision do both.

Wee saw another operation later on he said - Thank the good Lord that is done - of course today she won't be awake much - I am going over about 5 P.M. - Mary's Mother & I went over this AM - She is resting OK - merely a

matter of rest and quiet now.  
We'll try to take Margot  
in until little part of Aug.  
Right up to date on all  
orders and what you sent in,  
so nothing to worry about  
on the business end. Nancy  
rec'ed orders for 50 - They would  
be as we have been out of  
50 Boxes for several weeks <sup>or</sup> ~~was~~

Hope you two are hoeding up  
well - Mother's letter mailed from  
Knoxville yesterday - Come this Am.  
She is doing oh so much work,  
and hoeding up well - May soon  
soon be here - Mar am I jittery  
didn't sleep <sup>so</sup> well last night.  
Write me, Rose, Penny.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940

Turned over 12<sup>00</sup> grocery money  
to Kay & Iris - We used 6 for 10  
days - also turned over letter  
and check to Sears for furniture,  
they will handle that.

They have some grocery money  
already - so should be enough.

Watering both house & all con  
stuff at least once every 2 days  
and often when I can - P.L.

1940

KIRBY PAGE  
347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Here is a letter I wrote  
Tuesday but forgot to mail.  
also, here is the bill for  
insurance on the Chevy.  
We received the money  
alright, and as I did not  
need the \$5 for rent I gave  
it to Marie for stamps.

as ever  
Koy.

Wed Noon 1940  
5<sup>th</sup>

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby and Anna! -

It never rains, but it pours -  
Maire went to see Dr Cook yesterday  
had blood test taken, regular  
examination and so on - Went  
back this am for another one,  
and it is worse today - yes  
the appendix - got to come out.

Unless it gets worse, guess we  
will take her in to hospital

Sunday afternoon late, and then  
they will operate Monday morning.

Will go to hospital at Atessa  
some distance as Whittier - Cheshire  
& quieter than the large ones -

It is highly recommended, as is  
Dr. Cooke - Mrs. Hendri was there  
and say both are OK - Can't be helped  
She can't go on like she is - Been

going on nerve now for weeks -

Wife cost about 100<sup>00</sup> for Hospital,  
tho includes everything except the  
Docs fee. Around 10 days there  
I expect - So expect wife have  
to have some money in week or  
two - if you please.

Ray home now several days, has  
to go back Sat for one test - Dig  
come in Mon night and wear back  
Tues - She will be home Fri night.

All ok - I can handle orders and  
get them out - Make deposits etc -  
Will forward your mail to you -  
So no use to worry - We got day.  
Lack house and plants & shrubs, tree etc  
I will keep watered & take care of.

Next few days she is to rest and be  
quiet - We will keep you posted -

Will do all I can in best ways, as  
I think is best - Love, P.L.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday Morning '40  
about 9 -

Dear Kirby & Alma:-

We were just getting ready to go by Mothers, and on to Pomona - But Marie starting Vomiting and had bad headache - She is lying down resting - Don't know now if we will go or not - She is really wore down - Lost weight and looks bad -

Kay home now has been for several days - He is supposed to go to Beach today with Dick - Don't know yet if they will.

Bought 100 - 15¢ stamps with the 15¢ from Kay - Marie got another 100 stamped envelopes - from gro. money. Hosing away are the three things we are growing - Mother fairly well, we were down there last night -

Love, P.L.

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Walt has 2 exams - but  
he's got to get to work on papers.  
and he's working all vacation  
at the Y.

We hope to get to  
N.Y. & the Opera for one  
day. Incidentally,  
we have tickets for Sat.  
mat. here for the new  
Moss Hart musical, which  
plays 3 days here before  
opening in N.Y.C. - Higher  
& Higher is the name of it.  
Gussie is better than Walt  
some now.

How are you anyway?  
Louise Riefenstahl was here  
last week, & spoke in Shedd's

Class-

We were surely glad to  
see her. Had supper together  
& a nice chat.

She said she'd seen you  
just few days before.

Said you looked great - Hope  
you keep feeling that way!

Muster lectures were  
great stimulators & very  
good antidotes for some  
of Heebner's stuff. He (H.R.W.)  
got pretty ~~to~~ burned-up -  
but took it in good shape.

Must crack the notes  
if I am to crack an  
exam tomorrow or get it!

Take Care,

Walt,

P.S. Forwarding a letter received

1945

Tues. the 9th.

Dear Folks,

Well, I bought the ice skates. Oh boy! And am I good! You should see me. I swish around in my green suit with my black jacket underneath to keep me warm, plus a sweater of course, and mittens, and a new white and orange paisley wool scarf for my head. Walt has ear muffs (blue) to keep his ears warm. As for the actual skating...well, this is Walt's third time, and my third in 6 years. But really, we're improving already. I've only fallen down once, even if that time did make up for all the rest. I got figure skates, and they're swell for turning and everything, but I forgot and let the front part trip me up on some circles the last time, and zowie!! I hit, with my knee leading, and then slid gracefully on my face for about 15 ft. Walt says it was really beautiful. It would have been fun sliding, if I hadn't hit so hard and jarred my teeth. Good thing the ice was about 10 ft. thick. My knee is still black and blue, but I get no sympathy.

Speaking of sympathy, Walt is sure entitled to some. He has another boil on his arm, near the elbow, and is it a lulu. His whole arm is swollen and sore-as a boil. He has another one coming to we think, tho I sure hope it won't turn out to be one.

I just got through typing 5 full single-spaced pages of bibliography for Macintosh, Dad, that is only one part of a 35 section bibliography, and most of them are longer than this one. The office wouldn't handle it because of its length, so he had members of the class take a section. I did Walt's. My, my. Its almost too long to be meaningful, but is certainly a swell bibliography on the several subjects, under Systematic Theology. Well, I guess we go up to hear ~~McTheeson~~ (<sup>Morley Stein</sup>) from the Jewish Theological Seminary tonight on Judaism. Part of an exchange scheme, Niebuhr spoke there earlier.

Say, Mother, you ought to take up knitting for the trip, to keep you occupied while you listen to Dad spiel all over the country. Or how about crocheting? A bedspread would be nice! Or would it?

Its snowed several times this week, so its all nice and white, except for the dirty streets. Its been pretty cold here too. Tho I haven't been out too much. We set a pan of water outside and manufacture our own ice. What for? Well, Mariam gave Walt a case of ginger ale for his birthday. So...we like it with ice and with pineapple juice to make it go further. Its pretty cheap too. We can get 3 big bottles for a quarter at the Coop. So we usually do.

Well, how about a letter??? Take care of yourself, all of you, and how about a Dad(s) schedule?

Love  
Mariam

Hi-Ya Pals!

We hear you've been having some rain. "dew" - (Real rain???) We've just realized that vacation is supposed to be over - but 3 mornings a week, I have no classes until 11:25, so - we still sleep! What luxury - but with bills & stuff, I've got to relax & build up some or I'm afraid they'll keep coming. - Are working on pamphlet money collections & will try to have most of it by the end of the month. Adios, wolet.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Saturday 9:30 PM

1940

Dearling:

Here in Chicago about waiting for  
Pittsburgh sleeper!

Comfortable trip. Snow and  
cold - outside!

Got lot of reading done.

Feeling OK.

Reach Pittsburgh 9 o'clock on  
Sunday morning.

Hope you will be able to  
take life at more normal  
pace now.

Lovingly

Kirby

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EN ROUTE

Tuesday

Kirby & Alma Davis

I am getting along very well  
one week ago we had two days of bad  
winds - scarceed the potatoes like frost  
but they are growing fine now.  
I made myself sick working with the  
strawbs. They are not doing any better  
out in bed - but could not sleep for  
a few days. I have quilted that red  
quilt - this brought me a fit of poison  
it says pestless, & it sure got them  
die right at the spot to day I found  
a dozen flies at the bed room door -  
another <sup>day</sup> along the butter heart now - &  
about six snails all dead, put it in  
different places - found a dozen or more  
snails along the cedar row for days ag.  
chickens about the same only one fine  
hen sick, treating her with Trotters tea

two hens to hatch next Monday -  
this is all I know - & its not  
worth telling - but would you &  
know how much I appreciate what  
you are doing for me - everyone  
is lonesome for you

Very glad you were sending some  
literature - get it today maybe -  
Love, & best wishes -

Mother

sure there are a few bunches of  
grapes on already -  
no rain - & its hot & cold  
days nights

1940

Sunday, 7th

Kirby, 7 Almia. My Dears ones

I have enjoyed reading your letters, no more rain but it's cold & cloudy as hell and three fours yesterday I setting of eggs Friday, but some of the little chicks have died, in the cold too much, set one hen to day.

I work in the garden some every day, Perry has not worked out the potatoes yet said he would soon - they went to Rose last night, Thursday to River side to get Con he staid over night & then they carried him to Pomona he will work there if - this brought their lunch again today forks chips potatoes & milk - but went right back - Ray was going to have on the terrace vs - Perry got poison oak just about all over himself - as has not done much - I will not write often nothing to say -> Marie has to address for me, I am all right and guide & keep winter

Tues

1940

Kirk & Alma Dear Ones

I have been getting along fairly well  
able to work most of the time  
garden stuff growing good - beans  
now - the ripe black beans but  
the birds get me - just a very  
few straws - one kind of corn  
tasseling looks sorry - tomatoes tied  
to stakes but not setting any fruit  
hedge growing good, & the trellises  
are completely covered - some fine  
roses - Kay & Iris eat chicken, &  
new beans with me last Sunday -  
will not eat any more chicken  
until Mary comes - cool - cloudy weather  
bad for me, & chicks. love Mother

Thursday Nov -  
23<sup>rd</sup>

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby:-

All goes about the same everyone  
fairly well and going strong - ?

Worked at Mothers Monday am - She  
has garden in wonderful shape - I  
mean it is clean of weeds etc -

Sure looks nice and everything coming  
along fine - Have been eating new  
potatoes for weeks, and beans this  
past week - The place of hers is  
really looking much better.

The past few weeks I have been  
over all the limes, avocados on  
the slope - put fertilizer out for 200  
trees - Have irrigated all trees  
twice - Next irrigation starts <sup>yesterday</sup> next  
Wed - just finished putting in 3½  
days on grapes and berries - And I  
say they are really looking better.

This am I went over cleaned &  
watered the 9 rows of carrots.

Went around and put tree wrappings  
on the 22 new trees, and have been  
watering them often - Carry water  
in bucket to water these 5  
little trees up the road.

Have cleaned out around storage  
house & old rabbit pens - and north  
of arbor - Also Canvass and Maine  
and I have the glads ready in  
fine shape - 3 of them are out now.  
Maine worked both beds of roses  
over and watered - And she planted  
the petunias and has been keeping  
them going. She even mowed the  
lower lawn by fish pond this  
am and took grass to Mother.

Maine has letters out for 11,600  
books - @ 5 would be 580<sup>00</sup> and  
she says about that many more to go.

Have had a good nights sleep in  
about 2 weeks - Getting so late  
to look at a hole - Hey-Hey.  
Won't be long now and many others will be  
rolling in. Hope both we are ok - Love - P. L.

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Dear Alma:

We finally got your "trunk effect" off - after much negotiating - and hope it reaches you in good condition. We did all other arrangement by mail - that is why the bill of lading is dated for

last week -

The dray bill to the dock  
was £2 - which brings the total  
cost to £9.86 - less £8 which we  
held from the dinner; for this  
purpose leaves a balance of £1.86 -  
which we paid.

Hope everything is well  
with everyone. Flying up on  
wind as usual here.

Do hope the thing go through  
and there are no latches.  
Bill of lading Hostile ✓  
is here.

Elaine

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Dear alma & Mr Page:

Just a  
note to let you know that  
I am underway in sending  
out the bills. Myself brought  
out the letters this morning  
and I have about 100 of them  
ready to go.

Two of the broom plants  
on side of hill are blooming  
can see one from the window  
here.

Caught a big gopher near the  
flame tree this morning about  
15 min. after we set the trap.

busing you the letter from  
Bishop Baker regarding Jack  
Herman, it sure is a shame  
just when we need him and  
his ability in that section of  
the state.

Here is bank statement.  
we are now counting the  
days until you get home.  
we were counting how many  
you had been gone so this  
week we have changed,

Loads of love  
in care.

P.S. Will need about  
\$6.00 more for 200 envelopes

M.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Saturday Night, 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 9-

Dear Ruby and Aloa,-

Well another week gone, and we are still in the ring - But oh, are we tired.

I have been up since 3<sup>30</sup> this am.  
Stopped working at 6<sup>50</sup> tonight.

Had nice supper - Hen from Mother, She (the hen) had a bad foot - so - chick - Maine made dumplings & noodles cooked with the hen - Green Beans - Hey-Hey -

We will go to Mother's for dinner tomorrow I think - Kay and Rio home neither showed this week and either.

Kay comes home Tues I believe for about 10 days, then has one day test.

Well Boys and girls we finally saw the big fight - Across the Canyon on other side this am at 7<sup>15</sup> yrs, Chota and big Skunk - We stood on the rail in the road and watched -

Chota would stay away, and Skunk would run at him, bark at and

run at him again, I told Marie  
watch him now and see him  
get, sure enough Chota made  
a dive, grabbed him by neck -  
shook him once and then turned  
and went off about 30 feet <sup>is up</sup> stayed  
there above a minute then went  
back - and then the fun started -

He would get him by the neck  
and such shaking I never did see.  
He kept that up for about 10 min.

We have been keeping him tied  
up most nights - He don't smell so good today

The 12 kittens are really a sight  
such playing you never did see.

We are out of 30<sup>2</sup> stamps, have  
only about 10 of the 15<sup>2</sup> ones left,  
and 1½ are gone - Envelopes all  
used up (the stamped ones).

Glad you two are feeding up so good and  
that things are going well - always glad to  
get your letters - are OK here. we got <sup>em.</sup>  
<sup>one</sup> - <sup>new</sup> - <sup>new</sup>

Sat afternoon  
at 5-<sup>80</sup>

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Kirby and Alma! -

Wee don't we have fun all  
stuck here and going strong - <sup>oh</sup> yeah

My Honey goes in to hospital  
tomorrow evening at 5- we open  
about 8<sup>30</sup> Monday am - Nothing to  
worry over, everything will be all  
right -

Kay & Iris back at school  
today for last day - Iris been  
gone all week except Fri night.

Margaret has one more week  
of school -

Dont worry about the mail,  
orders etc - I can and will  
handle all of - man, I'm getting  
to be a bore with the typewriter.  
Will continue to send you the

Mail that necessary - as far  
orders, etc - all OK - I got em.

As for posting the books and  
cash book - Card - etc - That  
will have to wait until  
Marie gets home and able -

Afraid I won't get much  
hoeing done - Will take care  
of both house & plants - Mail  
and orders - Marguer - And  
of course everything I can  
everywhere - Will be going to  
Hospital and see Mother -

Have had a night sleep in  
about 3 weeks - But I'm all right,  
Kay been working hard since  
home from School - write to,

Love, P.L.



Thursday 5<sup>30</sup>  
PM  
1940

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Libby:-

We were glad to get your letter today.

Know you are busy and keep moving all the time - Hope your health holds up.

Mother always gets so much pleasure from your letters.

I have been feeling better past few weeks, still room for improvement. But think I will be all right soon. Come on out. My Honey about all in has been walking to and fro with colds etc., makes it tough.

-3-

Here at home planted all the trees, and shrubs Alma got at Armstrong, and some from here on the place - Have you seen new trees along the road where the skips were - They are little, but they will grow. just today finished clearing out all the berries, and now got them all fertilized.

Mother not so well the last 2 days - She is taking it easy <sup>today</sup>. We will all be glad to see you. Take care of yourself. Write us if you get time,  
Love, Penny.

2-

Margaret all ok - keeps growing all the time -

Alma improving I believe think she will be all <sup>ok</sup>.

Kay & Iris go in on Sun nights & come back Fri evening. They are going to the desert Sat morning.

4 mornings this week I worked at Mothers, and then afternoons in here at home.

Trying to get all that Bermuda grass out of garden, and looks like we do it yet.

Her place has lots of changes, think you will like them - 5 new peach trees across front.

Dear Kirby:

We are counting  
the days until you get here  
we will have the first fried  
chicken when you get here having  
a hard time keeping Key from  
them.

Our weekly trip to Dr.  
Burnside today. Hope he will  
have arms in shape in time.

We are having summer  
weather very hot.

See you soon  
Big hug & kiss from  
Margaret, Love Mary



Tuesday Noon.  
1940

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

Dear Kirby:

All well as could be expected - minor colds & sniff and my usual asthma.

Mother got your letter yesterday, sure glad you wrote her. Well, the 12,500 will letters to do. Baptists are all gone.

We got off 1000 of the Christian singles this am.

Then Deacon wife took all rabbits, wife know this afternoon - said 6 days already posts leaving for P.O. home, Perry

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1940

Darling =

Still alive and kicking.  
Grandma would not come up for  
lunch yesterday, so we all went  
down there. I stopped on way to  
church to inform her "the mountain was  
coming to Mohammed."

Did P. L. tell you we got the swellest  
rooster<sup>3</sup> at Buena Park. also ~~Tuesday~~<sup>Sab</sup> we  
got a setting of best red eggs. P. L. got them  
for her.

The old arbor is down and foundation  
about ready for store-room  
Ray and Iris have final test today  
(mon) and then two weeks home

Heaps love, then some  
yours always

Alma.

P.S., Got a maroon  
hat & dress for \$4 and  
they look swell

1940

YALE UNIVERSITY  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Sunday - 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear mom -

Say, you are resting!  
Anyway I guess you deserve it - even from letters writing.  
Thanks for the registration slips for the car. Only now of course someone had to go and knock off our back tail light and license plate. Tsk, wonder where it is. Yes we wrote Sacramento about it. Dan it.

Tell Mamie and Jerry that the food warmer work

swell. Just now the remains  
of a cake reposes in it. Joe  
used it to keep frenchfries  
and biscuits and beans  
warm, and it really does  
it - It smelled slightly  
of paint the first time,  
but no longer. Only trouble  
is. I don't have anywhere  
to put it - among other  
things. I sure have a  
housefull already - just  
wait 5 years - I know.

We bought some Calif. oranges  
yesterday - sure taste good -  
at 30¢ udoz. ought to.  
Well, don't speak o' leg between  
now and the trip. How do  
you feel? - Love. Many

Fri. morn.

1940

Dear Folks.

My what a Christmas,  
and what a vacation.  
We had roast chicken  
for Xmas - and even if the  
dressing could have been  
a bit milder, it all turned  
out swell. We had 2  
of the boys down who didn't  
already have better invitations  
for turkey and had a swell  
time. Every body thinks the  
tree is swell - which it is!  
Anne and Pete went to Ky.

<sup>2.</sup>

so we had Marian over for  
about 4 days, tho she  
was out most of the time.

We opened presents & was  
working - and she was here  
then, after going caroling  
with her Sunday school kids  
at 4:30 A.M. Walt, the  
rat, guessed most all

of his presents, drat it! —

which were hand-knoll gloves,  
suspenders (much needed), and  
cuff links, plus a bunch  
of screwy games, including  
miniature croquet. <sup>Anne</sup>  
Pete gave us a lovely plate,

the kid with a dark blue  
border. flower in center. very nice.  
then I got what has been wanting  
for ages. a beautiful copper pin  
to go with my bracelet Perry  
gave me. Its a leaf pin. made  
by Southern Highlanders - handled  
thru the Coop. made at Asheville,  
N.C. incidentally then I got  
a new hat, a new slip, a  
set of Gardiners lavender - tiled  
water, sachet, soap, and cream.  
and a good game called  
Contact. You guys ought  
to try it. 2 to 2 can play. Sept  
I never win.

Walt says you guys ought  
to stop. but he loves the

robe, and does he need it by  
now. The roof is working  
swell too, and the kids  
have eaten up all our nuts  
hanging on the nut bowl  
with that cute hammer. Did  
you make that and the buttons  
too, Kay? we love them

I'm going to buy stockings  
at the May check, and thanks  
for the gas. Walt just  
finished breaking two of  
my other ones, miffing me.  
Oh yes! Walt also bought 2  
new arrow shirts with his Dad's  
check and he still needs more.  
I've been working some more at  
the library and maybe I can

get him some.

Walt's birthday was yesterday -  
25 - an old man! And also  
Dad, Edith Clysdale, the Canadian  
girl, and Barnett Macmuler got  
married in the Chapel - by  
his brother. It was lovely. Then  
I dashed home - and I cooked  
Walt's birthday fish & a Tomato  
Steak, and iced the cake  
and before dishes were all  
cleared people started drifting  
in. So we fed them our  
favorite concoction. I pineapple  
juice and fingerals - say it  
some time - and Walt blew all

6.

The candles out, and we  
over. And much fun was  
had by all. I gave him  
a nice new brief case affair  
and Anne & Pete gave him  
ear muffs - and boy has  
it been cold here - down  
to 6° the other night - and  
too cold for snow. No snow  
at all yet really - not  
to last more than a hour.  
We went to an ice hockey  
game the other night - our  
first - just 2 high school  
games, but very good. 2  
tie games - and overtime

periods. One guy knocked  
out cold - against the  
side wall. Several fights  
and much commotion.  
We've had to push the car  
2 workshops in a row - even  
with anti-freeze in it.

Sorry we couldn't send you  
any presents, or even for Karp's  
birthday, but I'm still working  
on something. Maybe you can  
have it by June. Thanks  
for the letter & telegram.  
They were swell. Well - I'd  
better leave until some room to  
write - we're still ready for visitors -

Hi - Folks - and do I believe  
in Santa Claus? And how!!

Mary didn't tell you that with  
most of the money she earned -  
she bought me a beautiful brief  
case - that expands into a  
semi-overnight bag - I tried to  
budget out the dough so her  
so she wouldn't spend too  
much - but what can you do  
when she earns her own???

She's a chip from the old blocks  
I'm afraid, what a family!!!

Thanks just millions for  
everything. We so grateful  
and joyful. - all set for a  
Bong-up New Year - Best regards  
+ love, many  
Walt

abua -

1940

This is Terrific - Your  
husband getting written up  
in that infallible book  
The Red Metawak! Can't  
you make him "Khasi",  
Causing all this trouble  
"Just ain't right" And think  
of all the boast that Sept  
meeting is getting in this way,  
do the best you can  
with him and "purify  
his teachings" Eale

1940

Dear Bill,

We just went to a  
dog meeting, & did not go  
again. I had too much to  
do, - dog, only 6 weeks before  
exams, & the attached  
is very difficult.  
work piled up. It is obvious  
to study heavily in recess.

We received a bill  
from the dentist  
the other day, concerning  
pay it now.

2 and we will pay it back  
later. - It's  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and will pay it back  
\$3 a month. I forgot it!

I dug a hole, or  
rather a tooth dige off  
next to a falling and I  
will have to go see him  
about it.

Last week we were  
invited to a party so  
we went to the mountains  
with Larry and Virginia  
some fun.  
so much for us.

How are the meetings.  
and how - mom,

Take it easy.  
I am still upset about  
you not taking that  
extra time rather foolish.  
How you used the camera,  
would you like my  
light meter.

Take lots, other will be  
nice later on. They will  
be worth it.

I have it go to work  
now  
Koy.

1940

Dear folks -

If you're having half as grand a time as you say you are, I envy you. But we're really enjoying it here, too.

Kay says to tell you he's having Marie send those filters to you. Change them every 6000 miles. And change the oil at the same time. And he's still griped about the tire!

Kay says to tell you he got thru haying the avocados this weekend too. He mowed the lawn too, except one side of the lower lawn - he got too tired. He really worked. Sunday p.m. I sat out on the lawn in a play suit and

competition for Mary Jo.

I don't know where the time has gone, but I've done no reading. Kirby, and I'm ashamed, but I'm sure I won't get any done now till school is out. I've been getting up at 5:00, and the day goes even faster, it seems. I've been working on the Yanks Are Not Coming Committee, and I'm kind of puzzled about the whole affair - how far something like that is really effective, you know. I'm not sure, but think it was worth trying anyhow.

Darned - with 6 kittens playing with the thread. By the way the lightest gray cat and Brownie have kittens too. We found them both Saturday. Brownie has only one and he's Patches Jr. Cutest thing you ever saw. Little white square face, and round as a ball.

We've been going down to Grandmas for Sunday dinner - take our lunch down, and she usually fixes at least one thing, too, you know. We enjoy it.

Susie talk like she'll be here any minute, now that we can offer a little

I'm staying over here  
next weekend to work on  
my paper in the library.  
I never study over the weekend  
at home and I just have to.  
6 weeks and it's all over!  
Will have fun this  
summer!

Don't mind if we  
don't write often. You know  
we think of you, and we're  
all getting along perfectly.  
Don't work too hard, beth &  
you.

Kay wants you to keep a  
week open for Mexico this  
summer Kirby. Don't you  
think you'll need it by then?

Love to you both  
Iris